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claims and others are discovered. These then go, if they are in the first two quarters of a fiscal year, they go into the...back into this cash fund. If they're in the third and the fourth quarters of these years, presently they go in...they are lapsed into the General Fund. Then we end up having to reappropriate General Funds back into this system to be taken care of, whereas if we would go with this bill, the intent of this bill is that these third and fourth quarters would also lapse back into the cash fund rather than going into the General Fund and have to be reappropriated. So I think it simplifies the process and it does, in my mind, give more accurate accountability rather than less. And so therefore I would urge consideration of this bill and I will close. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We now vote on LB 257. All those in favor vote yes; all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Would you record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 257.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will go onto LB 257A. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 257A, by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 29, Mr. President.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, to open on LB 257A.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, this simply does what I said to do...what I described. It reduces the General Fund by \$5 million and the federal fund appropriation by \$7 million, and then increases the Cash Funds Program authorization by...no, it just...it just does the General Fund; it just reduces the appropriation in the General Fund, \$5 million for General Fund, \$7 million for federal funds. And it will become a cash fund issue. So it detracts from the General Fund at this point, subtracts.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator